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**NATIVE AMERICAN BEAD NECKLACES
MUSEUM MAKE AND TAKE ACTIVITY
AT ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY**

Visit the Hands-On Gallery at the Alabama Department of Archives and History during the months of September and October to make Native American Bead Necklaces.

Native Americans used shells, seeds, bones, teeth, stones, copper, and feathers to make body decorations, including jewelry such as bracelets and necklaces.

After glass beads were introduced by Europeans, Native Americans became experts in designing colorful belts, headbands, and jewelry. They used designs from their culture as well as using new patterns from European designs.

In addition to making Native American bead necklaces, children can explore other Native American activities as well as touring the Alabama Department of Archives and History's *Indian Gallery*.

The Archives is open Monday – Saturday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. The Archives museum galleries and participation in this activity are FREE to the public.

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